

## REMARKS

### Status of this application

Newly added independent claim 12 and claims 13-25 which are dependent thereon are pending and are directed to the elected species shown in Fig. 7. This response cancels claims 1, 3 and 9. Claims 2, 4-8 and 10-11 were previously withdrawn in response to a prior restriction requirement. This response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

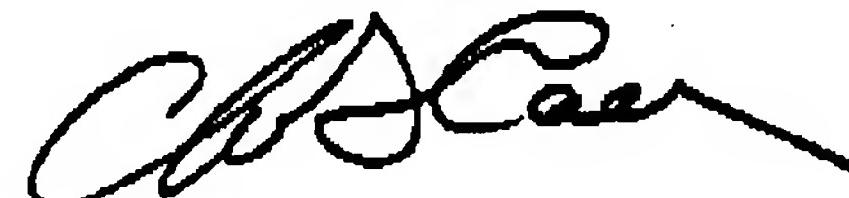
In the Office Action mailed on April 19, 2007:

1. The drawings were objected to as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. This amendment replaces the original claims with new claims 12-25 which set forth features shown in the drawings.
2. The original claims were objected to because of certain informalities, were rejected under §112 as being indefinite, and were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Petrofsky et al. U.S. Patent 5,888,212 (hereinafter "Petrofsky"). These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of the originally submitted claims and the substitution of new claims. These new claims are directed to elected species of Fig. 7 (and are further generic to the similar species of Fig. 8) and set forth the use of first and second springs where the second spring releases energy to rotate a foot member about an ankle joint. This subject matter is clearly distinguishable from Petrofsky's system which is a hydraulic knee joint only and does not include any mechanism for rotating a foot member about an ankle joint.

### Conclusion

It is believed that this amendment eliminates all of the outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of newly submitted claims 12-25 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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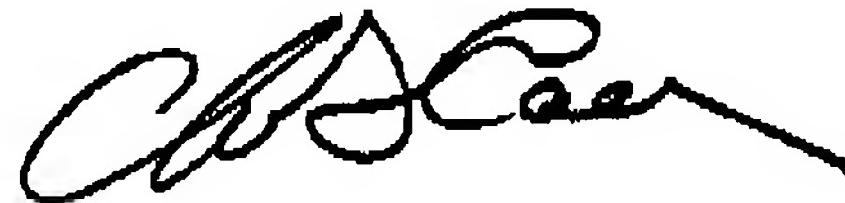
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